

## PHMA raises issue of export tariff to EU markets

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KARACHI: Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PHMA) has said the EU's just granted GSP plus has ruled out over 50 percent Pakistani products from its tariff lines, asking the government to remove anomalies to avoid loss.

A letter to the secretary, Ministry of Commerce, the PHMA raised the issue of tariffs of Pakistani exports to the EU markets, saying the 75 items are not matching the union's tariffs lines.

"As approximately 50 percent of the tariffs lines did not match those of the European Union," the association said, citing an example that "H.S. Code of the EU Customs 6101.2090, does not exist in the Pakistani Customs Tariff".

Despite complaining to the commerce and textile ministries, TDAP and FBR, It said the issue still stands unsolved.

"It is important to note that the GSP plus status if granted in the European Parliament's plenary session to be held on December 10, 2013 would require that the Ministry of Commerce & Textile Industry, in coordination with the Ministry of Finance, carry out complete homework in the matter to ensure that the tariff lines of Pakistan must be included and synchronized with the tariff lines of the EU," it recommended.

The PHMA feared the country's exporters will face problems at the time their consignments reach the EU markets because Pakistani government has not yet matched its 1462 tariff lines with those of the union.

"If this homework is not done by the above Ministries and Pakistan's tariff lines do not synchronize with the EU tariff lines Pakistan will be a great loser like in the case of Duty Free Access for 75 items," it warned.

